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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Development of Forestry Management Capability (NIR/77/008)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	January 1979
Starting date of project activities:	October 1978 (Under an advance authorization)
Planned completion date:	September 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Federal Department of Forestry
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$942 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In recent times the demand for wood and wood products has been rising appreciably in Nigeria and especially since the advent of the oil wealth. The gross domestic product (GDP) rose from ₦14.4 billion in 1974-1975 (an increase of 8.2 per cent per year) and the Third National Development Plan predicted that the GDP growth rate will average 9.5 per cent over the period 1975-1980. At the same time, the population is likely to grow at the rate of 2.5 per cent per year. Sawn-wood consumption is estimated to rise from 1974 to 1980 by 84 per cent and in 1990 by an increase of 295 per cent. Plywood consumption is estimated to rise from 1974 to 1980 by 104 per cent. Paper consumption shows similar dramatic growth, from 163,000 tons in 1975 to 282,000 tons in 1980 (an increase of 73 per cent). The Government therefore wishes to institute within the framework of its over-all economic and agricultural policy, proper management procedures for the preservation and utilization of the forest resources.

*In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) and subsequent authorizations of the UNDP Governing Council, reports are issued seriatim on the approval of UNDP assistance of $250,000 of more (including, if any, assistance financed by Government or by third-party cost sharing).

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2. To carry out this and other forestry programmes of national importance, the Federal Department of Forestry was established in 1970 with the responsibility for the planning and development of forestry and wildlife in Nigeria. This management project will assist the Management Division in identifying the actual areas where the programmes will be carried out, preparing the working plans, collecting data to monitor the progress of the plans and planning the development of forest industries in the light of progress made in the implementation of the programmes. The project is a follow-up to the UNDP-assisted project Forestry Development Project (NIR/71/516) 1/ which has been attached to the Federal Department of Forestry since 1973, to assist in the collection of economic and technical data for planning purposes and the evaluation of alternatives derived from the data for the development of forestry in Nigeria. This management project will be co-ordinated with the other forestry projects funded by UNDP, with Federal Government and State Governments efforts and institutions for the development of forestry and industries, and also with the proposed large-scale integrated forestry and rural development project of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank).

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objective of the project is to develop the planning, monitoring and evaluation services of the Federal Department of Forestry. To this end, the national and the international staff working together will: (a) establish data acquisition systems for management control plots in plantations and natural forest, management reporting and data storage, work study techniques and forest industries capacity output; (b) develop appropriate methods and procedures for the continuing collection and computation of data from the acquisition systems; (c) develop a capacity for preparing and continually up-dating proposals and plans, using the data feedback, for plans of management; (d) prepare manuals on the standard methods for forest management, data acquisition and analysis; and (e) train Nigerian personnel in all aspects of the objectives of the project.

4. UNDP will provide, through FAO, for the services of four experts in forestry management, workstudy and industries; consultants and an associate expert; and fellowships in forestry management.

5. The Government will provide qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies and equipment directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	795 280
Training	123 220
Miscellaneous	24 000
	942 500

7. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $1,722,600 in kind.

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